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Sir:

In response to the Restriction dated September 23, 2003, Applicants elect the species of Group A, figures 1 and 5 with traverse.

A restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372 was issued on the basis that the following species which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

Applicants traverse this restriction because this application is not a national stage entry of an International PCT application. This application was filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53 (b) claiming priority only from U.S. provisional application 60/246,813. Therefore PCT Rule 13.1 does not apply to this application.

Applicants also traverse the specific species selected by the Examiner. The species should be:

- A) Figures 1 & 2, a bolt-together trailer frame with torsion axles
- B) Figures, 2-4 & 14, a bolt-together trailer frame with sprung axles
- C) Figures 6-10, connecting plates for a bolt-together trailer frame
- D) Figures 11-13, a sprung axle support box for a bolt-together trailer frame with sprung axles.

Figure 14, cited by the Examiner as Species D is an enlarged section of figure 2 and should not be classed as a separate species from figures 2-4. Figures 6-10, included by the Examiner in species B with the sprung axles, show connecting plates that are for a bolt-together

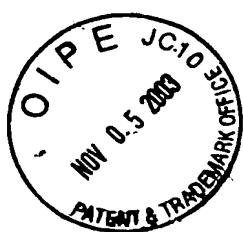
trailer frame with either torsions axle or sprung axles. Figure 13 should have been included with figures 11-12.

Claims 1, 4 through 7, 12 through 16, 19, 23, 27, 29, 30 through 32 and 35 are generic to both torsion axles and sprung axles. Claims 8, 20, 21, 24 and 36 read on figures 1 and 2.

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